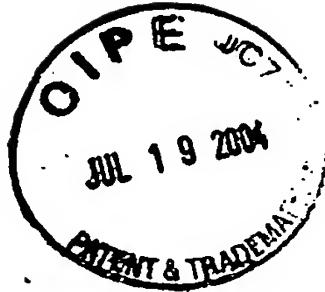


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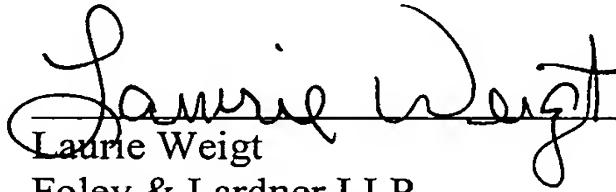
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This is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed on April 22, 2004. The shortened three-month statutory period for response to the Office Action will expire on July 22, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee(s) is/are due for this filing. Should any additional fee(s) be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, to charge any fee that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Duplicates of page 1 and the signature page are enclosed for such purpose.

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